Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Industrial Restructuring, set up by the Planning Commission. In its report, the Working Group has made various suggestions to speed up the liquidation proceedings of industrial companies. Some suggestions have also been made by the Official Liquidators for making legislative changes, in this behalf, and the Government is endavouring to introduce a Bill recodifying the Companies Act, 1956, as early as possible.

(c) and (d) The Central Bureau of Investigation has reported to have apprehended one Official Liquidator and one Registrar of Companies in the recent past and inquiries in regard to these two cases are in progress.

Shifting of PAD of Election Commission to Lok Nayak Bhavan

1731. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Pay and Accounts Department (PAD) of Election Commission has been shifted from Nirvachan Sadan to Lok Nayak Bhavan in Khan Market, New Delhi;

(b) whether the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) has sought to have an in-house Accounts department; and

(c) if so, in what manner such a department, without having an independent status, would be able to scrutinise the accounts of the CEC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The expenditure incurred by the Election Commission is subject to audit under the provisions of Article 149 of the Constitution read with the Comptroller and Auditor General (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 and there is no change in this position.

Need to amend Hindu Succession Acts

1732. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Hindu adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956 and the Guardians and Wards Act; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government have not felt any necessity to amend the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 and the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890.

Modification in the Selection procedure of High Court and the Supreme Court Judges

1733. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to modify the existing system of selection of the High Court and the Supreme Court judges; and

(d) if so, the details hereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. No change in the present system of apointment of Judges is considered necessary for the present.

Appraisal of the working of specialised Tribunals

1734. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to conduct the appraisal of working of various specialised Tribunals set up in the country particularly those where the writ jurisdiction of the High Court has been excluded;

(b) if so, the details thereof;